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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Bad Freienwalde 25X1

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

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PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS 25X1

1. On 20 August 1953, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied by about 2,500 troops with tank and artillery insignia. [REDACTED] 25X1
2. On 15 August, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia and, some with artillery insignia. Between 4 and 15 August, an undetermined number of troops with gasmasks was repeatedly observed at march practices. On 15 and 16 July, 10 to 14 T-34/85 tanks, about 5 to 6 x 57-mm AT guns, a large number of vehicles, 2 field kitchens, billeting equipment and ammunition were entrained in Bad Freienwalde. The materiel had come from the Panzer Kaserne. [REDACTED] On 18 and 19 July, more tanks and vehicles left the installation by road, followed [REDACTED] as far as the Haselberger Forest. Beginning on 20 July, [REDACTED] about 120 troops receiving infantry field training. A notebook with data on the history of the Red Army was found near the Panzer Kaserne. [REDACTED] On 8 August, billeting equipment, repair shop equipment, tank engines and numerous boxes were detained at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station and were shipped to the installation by trucks [REDACTED] On 12 August, 7 T-34/85 tanks, 4 trucks, occupied by troops and each towing a field gun; 1 BA-64 armored scout car, and 1 armored four-wheel machine gun carrier left the installation toward Dannenberg, presumably for an exercise. Six 76-mm field guns were in a shed in the barracks area. [REDACTED]
3. On 2 August, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia, and a few with artillery and motor transport insignia. At about 2 a.m. on 15 July, loadings of tanks, armored scout cars, half-track vehicles, AT guns and mortars started at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station. Materiel entrained on 16 July included trucks, sedans, half-track vehicles and motorcycles. All vehicles had covered numbers. [REDACTED] On 2 August, about 80 troops with gasmasks and rolled blankets had fallen in the barracks yard. Two half-track vehicles and an armored scout car without number entered the instal-

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lation from the direction of Gersdorf. At about 9:30 a.m., about 120 troops carrying blankets and gasmasks and armed with carbines, submachine guns and machine guns left the installation toward the training area.

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4. On 2 August, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Source observed unusually many officers. [redacted] a small new unit had arrived at the installation as officers, as well as EM, frequently asked for information in the town. Four T-34 tanks, [redacted] were seen in the barracks yard.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The varying occupation strength during the period from 2 to 20 August, presumably is due to the temporary absence of elements engaged in exercises in the area south of Bad Freienwalde-Eberswalde; an assumption which, to a certain extent is confirmed by the observations on 2 and 12 August mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 2 respectively. [redacted] On 15 and 16 July, [redacted] transfer on six trains from Bad Freienwalde to East Berlin. It is undetermined whether the elements which left the installation toward the Haselberger Forest on 18 and 19 July also went to Berlin or participated in exercises. The arrival by road of elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div was not observed in the Berlin area. According to information in paragraph 4, an officer course presumably was stationed in Bad Freienwalde since late July. No other indications for a new unit stationed in the barracks installation are available.

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